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TO : ARA - Mr. Cabot
Thru : MID - Mr. Burr CRB

DATE: July 31, 1953

FROM : MID - Raymond G. Leddy

SUBJECT: Salvadoran Evidence of Guatemalan Aggression

1. Despite repeated efforts on our part in Washington and San Salvador, the Salvadoran Government has not produced any of the concrete evidence of Guatemalan aggression which might be useful in taking the Guatemalan threat to the Hemisphere before the OAS.

2. At the time of the visit of the Special Salvadoran Mission last March, both Ambassador Castro and members of the Mission were asked for specification of their charges against Guatemala, such as infiltration of agents across the border, supplying of passports and other official documentation to non-Guatemalan travelers to Salvador, etc. The Salvadorans said that it would be difficult to do this, since their information was of a character that could not be openly produced, either because of the delicate source or insufficiency of detail. They insisted that, while there is no doubt of Guatemala's hostile intent and clandestine campaign against the Salvadoran Government, their evidence is not of a character that could be offered in public.

3. We urged on the Salvadoran Government the need for concrete information, during your visit in April. This was followed up from time to time by the Embassy, but without result.

4. During my stay in San Salvador July 4-7, I discussed the problem with the Embassy. It is now hoped that CAS may obtain through its channels some specification of Guatemalan aggression, such as photostats of passports used by Guatemalan agents. Confessions of such agents are difficult, if not impossible, to utilize since the Salvadoran police system is seriously antiquated and does not utilize any modern techniques for records and reports.

5. In spite of efforts at each end, it is regretted that any useful Salvadoran action has not been forthcoming and that there seems little likelihood of expecting Salvador to produce the evidence which would be needed for a OAS hearing on the Guatemalan threat.

6. In April ORA prepared a Secret Intelligence Report on Guatemalan Support of Subversion and Communist Objectives, but this study does not contain concrete documentary material suitable for public presentation. On April 22 MID requested that special efforts be made by CAS to acquire concrete documentary evidence of the reported Guatemalan activities. Meanwhile, MID has been reviewing all incoming intelligence for possible use in a public case against the Guatemalan threat.

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Mr. Cabot said the Salvadorans promised him in April that they would provide us with concrete evidence concerning Guatemalan Communist infiltration in El Salvador. He would like to have us try to get this from the Salvadoran authorities.

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